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FOR SOBER FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. I BELIEVE VISIT BY TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY WOULD BE USEFUL AND THAT IT WOULD BE WELCOMED BY UAEG HERE. IN ADDITION TO PRESENTATION ON SPECIAL TREASURY SECURITIES WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST

TO UAE, I WOULD HOPE PARSKY COULD ALSO COME WITH BROADER MISSION TO GIVE HABROUSH OUR ASSESSMENT ON WORLD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND OUT LATEST THINKING AS TO INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO DEAL WITH THEM.

2. AS FAR AS VISIT TO ABU DHABI IS CONCERNED. WE QUESTION WHETHER SECRET SERVICE DETAIL IS NECESSARY. WE CONSIDER IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT PARSKY WOULD BE TARGET FOR ANY GROUP HERE. WE HAVE ON PAST OCCASIONS DETECTED SOME LOCAL SENSITIVITY TO SUGGESTIONS THAT INTERNAL SECURITY IN UAE IS INADEQUATE, AND WE WOULD BE SORRY TO SEE PARSKY VISIT ACQUIRE NEGATIVE FLAVOR ON THIS ACCOUNT. IN VIEW OUR JUDGMENT THAT RISK IS NEGLIGIBLE, OUR RECOMMENDATION IS TO DISPENSE WITH SECRET SERVICE DETAIL FOR THIS PORTION OF TRIP. WE WILL KEEP CAREFUL EYE ON INTELLIGENCE ABOUT TEZRRORIST GROUP ACTIVITIES AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE US BELIEVE RISK HAS INCREASED, DETAIL CAN ALWAYS BE LAID BACK ON. AS ADDED

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MEASURE OF PRECAUTION WE WOULD ALSO PROPOSE THAT THERE BE NO

ADVANCE PUBLICITY ABOUT PARSKY ITINERARY.

3. AS FOR TIMING, NOVEMBER SHOULB BE GOOD MONTH, PREFERABLY
SOMETIME AFTER NOVEMBER 10. WE ARE HAVING UNUSUAL SURGE OF
VISITORS HERE, SOME OF WHOM HABROUSH WILL BE SEEING, IN LATE
OCTOBER AND EARLY NOVEMBER. OTHER THINGS BEPNG EQUAL, IT
WOULD BE GOOD TO GIVE HABROUSH SHORT RESPITE FROM AMERICAN VISITORS.
HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT PARSKY CAN PROVIDE US WITH TENTATIVE DATES AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE HABROUSH TRAVELS A LOT AND IT WOULD BE POINT-
LESS FOR PARSKY TONCOME IF HABROUSH IS NOT HERE.
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